

**Island County Board of Health
Special Meeting - Tuesday, January 18, 2011
Minutes**

***Special Note:** The computer that manages the audio recording system in the Commissioner's Hearing Room was non-functioning for this meeting. The minutes for this meeting are available in paper copy only.

Members Present: Commissioners: Helen Price Johnson, Angie Homola, and Kelly Emerson; Jim Slowik, Mayor of Oak Harbor; Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner; Captain Susan Lichtenstein, MSC, USN, Ex-Officio Member, and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Members Absent: No Members were absent.

Call to Order: Chair Helen Price Johnson called this Special Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:18 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: There were no changes or additions to the agenda. As this is a Special Session, only those items on the announced agenda may be discussed and/or acted upon at this session.

Approval of Minutes: The Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the December 20, 2010 Special Meeting. Mayor Slowik moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Commissioner Homola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Input or Comments: The Board has set this time for public input or comments. Because this is a Special Session of the Board of Health, only those items on the announced agenda may be acted upon by the Board. There was no public input.

Resolution HD-01-11: In the Matter of Revision of the Environmental Health Service Fee Schedule of the Island County Health Department to Remove the Liquid Waste Inspection Review Fee. Aaron Henderson, Environmental Health Director, briefly reviewed the history of the on-site inspection program's funding. Now, due to the establishment of the Clean Water Utility, the \$62 inspection fee can be removed from the 2011 Environmental Health fee schedule. Commissioner Homola moved for approval of Resolution HD-01-11. Commissioner Emerson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Island County Children's Commission (ICCC): Janice O'Mahony, on behalf of the Children's Commission, presented the Board with the Commission's final report. After three years of work, the ICCC will no longer be funded and must discontinue its work for the foreseeable future. She stressed that although the ICCC is discontinuing, they hope that their recommendations will be used to guide the work of other individuals and organizations, and elected officials. They recommend: (1) The reports from the last two State of Island County's Children and Youth Summits be consulted by individuals and agencies pursuing services for children, youth and families; (2) The group Partners for Young Children, which functioned as a subcommittee of the ICCC be supported for their work in all ways possible; and, (3) That any and all Boards and Commissions that make decisions affecting the lives of youth include youth as voting members on those Boards or Commissions. Ms. O'Mahony finished by assuring the Board of Health that it is the intention of the ICCC to return to the work they have started at such time that funding becomes available again. Mayor Slowik thanked Ms. O'Mahony for the ICCC's comprehensive to all of Island County's youth. The Chair noted that the talent assembled on the ICCC is very impressive and thanked Ms. O'Mahony and all of the ICCC members for their over 4,000 hours of volunteer work.

Contracts:

Keith Higman presented the following contracts for consideration:

1. DSHS – Early Intervention Program (EIP)
Contract No. 1063-94513-01
Contract Amount: \$ 15,259.91
Amendment Amount: \$ (1,023.75)

2. DSHS – Early Family Support Services (EFSS)
Contract No. 1063-95382-01
Contract Amount: \$ 9,498.19
Amendment Amount: \$ (637.21)
3. Department of Health – Consolidated Contract
Contract No. C14949, Amendment No. 27
Contract Amount: \$ 3,825,934
Amendment Amount: \$ 343,098
4. Snohomish Health District – Public Health Investigator
Contract No. HD-20-10
Contract Amount: \$ -0-
5. Opportunity Council – IC Septic Inspection Intake & Referral Program
Contract No. HD-19-10
Contract Amount: \$ 20,000

Mayor Slowik asked if reductions to the DSHS programs were already committed and Mr. Higman responded that budget adjustments would have to be made. In response to a question by the Chair on the Public Health Investigator contract, Captain Lichtenstein advised the Board that the Naval Hospital does do their own HIV counseling and partner/contact investigations? Mayor Slowik moved that the contracts be approved for the Chair's signature as presented. Commissioner Homola seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Health Department Report: Keith Higman, Health Services Director, announced that Joe Laxson, Environmental Health Staff, was elected to sit on the board representing on-site professionals, the Washington Onsite Sewage Association. He went on to announce that Aaron Henderson, Environmental Health Director, had been selected by the CDC as one of 21 individuals from 5,000 applicants to attend the Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute on a full scholarship.

In response to the Board's direction at last month's meeting, Mr. Higman said he had prepared information for the Board to consider regarding current legislative issues relating to health policy. He advised that the Washington State Board of Health develops a Statement of Policy document in advance of the current legislative session to identify their goals. He reviewed a list of pending bills and noted that the most robust bills have multiple sponsors, companion bills in both the House and Senate, and are assigned to a committee. As Health Services Director, he suggests this Board's attention to bills involved with:

- School immunization exemption rules which would require a physician enter into the exemption determination
- As continuing education units (CEU's) are very expensive to pursue, legislation would remove the CEU requirement for local health jurisdiction employees
- Health care authority at the State level
- Changes to the Vital Statistics statute amending who death certificates can be provided to
- Limiting the availability to youth of new tobacco products that are sweet and edible
- Make it illegal to smoke in an auto where individuals under 18 are also in the auto

He advised that the medicine stewardship program legislation, which would have created a pharma funded drug take-back program, had been dropped. The Chair advised Mr. Higman that her request for a review of pending legislation was inspired by a citizen contacting her regarding the drug take-back program. She asked the other Board members to weigh in on what they would be interested in identifying. Commissioner Homola said she would need time to review the long list of pending legislation. The Chair said unfunded mandates should be identified. Mayor Slowik noted that the Council of Governments voted as a group to watch for unfunded mandates and want to see a relaxation on some regulations. Commissioner Homola asked that Health Staff

keep the Board of Health apprised of bills that affect Island County. Mr. Higman offered to bring a revised list of legislation to the February Board meeting.

The Chair asked if this Board would support Senate Bill 5234 Medicine Stewardship Program. Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner Tarrant wants to see what the changes are to this bill before committing to its support. Commissioner Emerson suggested that she would support House Bill 1015 Immunization Exemption. Captain Lichtenstein suggested the Board watch House Bill 1285 addressing synthetic cannabinoids which she said is an issue impacting the Navy. The Chair suggested that staff identify models of support and draft support information for the February Board of Health meeting. She asked that a legislative review item be added to the monthly Board of Health agendas.

David Macys, Chair of the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) asked if he could address the Board. He expressed appreciation for the Board of Health's recognition of the contribution of the Children's Commission. He assured the Board that CHAB would keep the need for that organization in front of the Board. He invited all of the Board Members to an ACHIEVE policy breakfast at Whidbey General Hospital on January 27th at 7:30 a.m.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Price Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The next Board of Health will be a Special Meeting to be held on February 22, 2011.

Submitted: _____
Roger S. Case, MD
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 22nd day of February 2011
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Helen Price Johnson, Board Chair